

## NEWS EXPECTED HOURLY.

### Retributive Measures are Prepared If Cause Transpires.

#### ON EVE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

Washington, July 31.—There is a growing expectation at the state department that news of the utmost importance may be forthcoming at any moment from Pekin. Should it develop that Conger and the legation have been massacred, the administration will not stop short of the severest retribution measures, and it is admitted that congress will be summoned in extra session to provide means for carrying on war. Secretary Hay believes that the Americans are still alive, or at least that they were alive on the date of the much discussed cable, supposed to be July 18.

It is furthermore believed that Secretary Hay's confidence in its genuineness is not merely a matter of blind faith, but one of familiarity with the secret form of the communication which, known only to the state department, stamps it what it purports to be—a genuine message.

Events now on the eve of rapid development may show the conditions in Pekin have reached the most critical stage, and are as serious as the skeptically inclined affect to believe. War would then seem inevitable, and the administration will not hesitate to strike with the European powers for the restoration of peace and order in China and such satisfaction as may be deemed full and complete compensation for the damage this country has suffered in loss of life and property. It is believed that the basis for this expectation of news is the knowledge on the part of officials that certain machinery heretofore set in motion may result in the opening up of communication through some secret but reliable channels. It is known that a second effort has been made by our own government to get another message from Mr. Conger; and that nearly all of the powers also have resorted to private agencies in their own interest, with a like object.

Assurances received here show that the Japanese government is doing all in its power to facilitate the international movement; and though the good will of the Japanese was never suspected, as far as the United States is concerned, the knowledge is gratifying.

#### Buying More Islands.

Madrid, July 30.—The cabinet is considering the proposition of the United States government for the surrender of the islands Subutu and Kalagayon in consideration of an indemnity of \$100,000. The ministry regards the proposition favorably, and negotiations for a treaty of accord between the two governments are proceeding rapidly.

#### Will Recuperate in Hawaii.

San Francisco, July 28.—It is reported in Honolulu that from 6,000 to 10,000 United States troops will be allowed several months stay on the military reservation at Lihalehua this winter to recuperate from the Philippine service before returning to San Francisco to be mustered out.

#### Medical Officers Wanted.

Washington, D. C., July 28.—General Sternberg says that 100 additional medical officers are wanted by the surgeon general for duty in the Philippines and China. He says that only graduates of reputable medical colleges, with some experience and under 40 years of age will be accepted.

#### After Rathbone.

Washington, July 30.—"The secretary of war does not issue orders to courts," replied Secretary Root to the direct question as to whether or not he had given orders for the arrest of E. G. Rathbone, late director of posts in Cuba. He also added that General Wood did not issue orders to the courts of Cuba. General Wood has taken the initial step towards bringing Rathbone's case before the Cuban courts.

#### The Man Who Shot H. C. Frick.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 28.—A tunnel was discovered leading from under a vacant house extending 200 feet, and 150 feet inside the prison walls where Alexis Berkman, the anarchist who shot H. C. Frick, of the Carnegie Steel company in 1892, is confined. The vacant house was recently sold to New York parties and a small payment had been made on account. The discovery was made by the earth giving way from the recent heavy rains and precipitating a penitentiary official into the tunnel.

#### Rathbone Arrested.

Havana, July 31.—Mr. Estes G. Rathbone, recently director general of posts in Cuba, was arrested on four charges. These allege the unlawful drawing of two orders for \$500 cash, paying his private coachman and gardener from the postal funds, and drawing per diem allowance when not entitled to do so. Mr. Rathbone's bond was fixed at \$25,000. After being held for some hours awaiting the resumé of efforts to give bail, he was locked up for safe keeping.

## LATEST AND BEST FROM CHINA.

### Ministers Alive and Protected but Held as Hostages.

London, July 31.—The British consul at Tien Tsin, telegraphs to the foreign office that a letter from a Japanese colonel in Pekin stated that the legations were safe July 22. There had been no firing on the legations since July 17. The consul adds: "A reliable messenger who failed to enter Pekin, but reached there returns and states that there was no firing on the legations between July 15 and July 19."

In view of this evidence the British government is convinced that the legations are safe.

Chinese officials openly speak of the ministers being held as hostages.

### IT IS BREIDENTHAL.

#### Full Ticket Named and Nomination of U. S. Senator Defeated.

Fort Scott, July 26.—The second day of the three conventions finished the work.

The action of the conference committees from the three conventions was confirmed and the following ticket is named:

For associate judge of the supreme court, David Martin.

For governor, John W. Breidenthal; treasurer, Conway Marshall; attorney general, Hugh Farrelly; secretary of state, J. B. Goshorn; presidential electors, L. B. Corstenson, H. J. Rogers, J. K. Fugate; insurance commissioner, Webb McNall; other electors, James Falloon and W. R. Turner.

The convention refused to name a candidate for United States senator by a vote of 312 to 216.

#### Fusion State Platform in Short.

Fort Scott, July 26.—David Overmeyer, chairman of platform committee reported the work of the committee and it was adopted.

First: Endorses Kansas City platform.

Second: For railway legislation; for creating the office of railway auditor, and also a public tribunal for regulation and control of railways.

Third and Fourth: Enlarging on railroad legislation.

Fifth: Trusts. For co-operation of state and national governments to control them.

Sixth: Charges the enactment of clumsy and ad hoc laws to be the work of professional lobbyists.

Seventh: For a resubmission of prohibition to the people.

Eighth: Favors the public ownership of all municipal utilities.

Ninth: Extends sympathy to the South African republics.

Tenth: For the continuance of the state live stock sanitary board.

#### Rules for Rural Delivery.

Washington, July 31.—An order has been issued which will allow carriers on free rural routes to receive letters along the route, cancel the stamps and deliver them to the parties addressed without bringing the letters in to the postoffice for the cancellation of the stamps. This makes it handy for correspondents who both live along the route. Under this order the carrier is a traveling postoffice. He sells stamps, gives receipts for and delivers registered letters, and carries money order applications.

#### Atchison Coal Prospects.

Atchison, July 31.—Within sixty days the question as to whether the Leavenworth vein of coal underlies Atchison will be definitely settled. The Sullivan Machinery company, which has started its drill, should reach that depth in two months. The work is in charge of J. A. Wentz, who has four or five assistants.

#### Fire at Cape Nome.

Seattle, Wash., July 28.—Cape Nome was treated to a great conflagration early in this month. Miles and miles of tundra was burned over and many native homes destroyed. The fire began close to the eastern limits of Nome and swept the country from the outer edge of the sand beach to the foothills and far below Cape Nome, so that the surface looks like a vast prairie that has been burned over.

#### Neeley and Rathbone.

Washington, July 27.—Mr. Bristow's report on Cuban embezzlements is given out. He finds that Neeley's embezzlements aggregated at least \$131,713, and says he was justified in recommending the removal of Director General Rathbone. Whether or not the latter was guilty with Neeley, he says, there can be no doubt that in the matter of unauthorized per diem allowances, personal expenses and warrants unaccounted for, he unlawfully appropriated to his own use the money of the United States. For this, Mr. Rathbone will be required to answer.

#### Grasshoppers in Nebraska.

Omaha, July 31.—Deputy United States Marshal James Walling, who has returned from a visit to Dawson county reports that grasshoppers are devastating parts of that county. The pests have come in such numbers as to strip the growing corn of all blades, leaving the stalks standing as though swept by fire. They have commenced upon the wheat in the shocks, and are destroying hundreds of bushels a day. Mr. Walling will get less than ten bushels from 100 acres of irrigated land.

## SLAY AND SPARE NOT.

### Chinese Treat With Scorn The Sanctity of an Ambassador.

#### WILHELM TO HIS TROOPS.

Berlin, July 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger says that the emperor, when addressing the troops at Bremerhaven before they sailed for China, referred to the responsibilities which had sprung up for the German empire during the last decade.

The task before you is a great one. That a people like the Chinese should cast to the winds international rights a thousand years old and treat with scorn the sanctity of an ambassador and the rights of hospitality in a manner so horrible is unprecedented in the history of the world. Every civilization founded on Christianity is sure to be brought to naught.

"If you close with the enemy, remember this: Spare nobody, make no prisoners. Use your weapons so that for a thousand years hence no Chinaman will dare look askance at any German. Open the way for civilization once for all."

The Lokal Anzeiger's report of the speech differs from the semi-official reports, notably in respect of the reference to sparing none and making no prisoners when coming into close quarters with the enemy, but the correspondent of the Associated Press was assured by a perfectly responsible person who heard the speech that the Lokal Anzeiger's report is correct.

#### A Depressing Fact.

Washington, July 31.—The depressing fact is always in mind that the Chinese authorities, by their own statements able to communicate with the legation, for some mysterious reason do not permit these unfortunate to communicate with their own governments. Minister Wu's explanation of this, that Chinese methods are different from our own, is scarcely satisfactory to the officials here. The minister, however, is honestly trying to get a further communication through from Mr. Conger, and it may be that success in this undertaking will afford a brilliant vindication. At least, he maintains a wonderful show of confidence in the safety of the legations, and manages to impress this in some degree on the officials and others with whom he comes in contact.

#### The War on Bucket Shops.

Chicago, July 31.—The ownership and control of boards of trade of an elaborate system of telegraph wires connecting all the leading commercial exchanges of the country to be established at a cost of \$15,000,000 may be the outcome of meetings held by the board. The primary purpose of this undertaking is in the line of working out a practical plan to drive the bucketshops of the country out of business. The committee will get together again after the questions of expense and other features of the plan have been further looked into.

#### May Occur in Topeka.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—W. J. Bryan had no visitors of prominence today and devoted most of his time to the preparation of speeches. According to leading Populists, Vice Chairman Edmisten of the national committee, among them, Topeka, Kan., stands the chance of being the place at which Mr. Bryan will be notified of his nomination by the Populists and Silver Republicans. The matter has been referred to N. T. M. Patterson, of Denver, chairman of the Populist notification committee.

#### Energetic Movement of Troops.

Washington, July 28.—The United States war department is moving at present with greater energy than at any time since the original orders for troops, to get its contingent in position for the task before it. General Chaffee reported to the department formally from Nagasaki and there received orders. He cables that he will proceed at once to Taku, not stopping at Chefoo. He ordered in advance tugs and lighters to insure speedy landing at Taku.

#### A General Rising Expected.

London, July 28.—A general rising throughout China is now regarded as so absolutely certain that all the missionaries throughout the empire have been ordered to take refuge without delay either at Shanghai or Hong Kong. Li Hung Chang announces that the imperial government was prepared to give a safe convoy to the foreign legations to Tien Tsin provided an assurance is given that no advance would be made on Pekin; and that disputes could be settled friendly.

#### Shown in a Wreck.

Detroit, Mich., July 31.—Section 1 of the Buffalo Bill Wild West show's train suffered a severe collision near Milwaukee junction resulting in the smashing of a show employee's sleeping car containing some forty sleeping inmates. One of the latter is dead and nine others are in the Detroit hospitals suffering from more or less serious injuries. The caboose was forced on top of Buffalo Bill's employees' sleeper No. 56, which was filled with sleeping tent and canvasmen.

## KING HUMBERT SLAIN.

### Shot While Entering His Carriage. One Bullet in the Heart.

Monza, Italy, July 31.—King Humbert is assassinated. He was shot three times and died in a few minutes. The name of his assassin is Angelo Bressi.

The king had been attending a distribution of prizes in connection with a gymnastic competition. He had just entered his carriage, with his aide-de-camp, amid the cheers of the crowd, when he was struck by three revolver shots fired in quick succession.

One pierced the heart of his majesty, who fell back and expired in a few minutes.

The assassin was immediately arrested and was with some difficulty saved from the fury of the populace.

King Humbert became King of Italy in 1878 at the age of 38.

### TO ALLOT WICHITA LANDS.

#### As Soon as The Other Allotments Are Finished.

Anadarko, July 30.—General Hally, general allotting agent of the interior department, who has arrived here with four assistants, to allot lands to the Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches, states that he has orders to allot the lands in the Wichita reservation as soon as the present job is completed. The Wichita lands lie directly north of the Kiowa and Comanche reservations, and are among the best in the territory. The reservation is the best in the territory. It is well watered and timbered and the finest of crops are raised wherever cultivated. The reservation contains 743,610 acres, and was treated for in 1891. In 1894 the treaty was ratified and part of the allotments made, but because of the interests of the cattlemen no attempts have ever been made to complete the allotments or open the reservation. It is likely, however, that it will be opened at the same time as the Kiowa and Comanche country. After the Indian allotments, school and college lands, etc., are deducted, there will still be left 2,000 quarter sections for settlers, most of it excellent agricultural land.

#### More Dynamite in St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 31.—Five street cars were damaged between 4 p. m. and 2:10 a. m. The first was but slightly injured. The second explosion damaged the car \$50 and shattered windows of houses in the vicinity. The third wrecked a car, which fortunately had no passengers. The report caused by the explosion was terrific. The car was torn to pieces. In the fourth explosion the front wheels of the car were broken up. The last of the hellish work occurred at 2:10 a. m. The front part of the car was badly wrecked.

#### Mount May Surrender Taylor.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 30.—Governor Mount has said he was studying the Powers trial at Georgetown, Ky., closely, and that while he absolutely declined to say what action he might take on the requisition for W. S. Taylor and Charles Finley in case Powers was convicted, he said his decision on the requisition was not irrevocable.

#### Manila Customs Receipts.

Washington, July 31.—The treasury receipts of the Philippine islands during May, 1900, according to a statement made by the division of customs and insular affairs of the War department, were \$706,326, of this amount \$628,884 was credited to customs receipts; \$33,066 to international revenue receipts and \$44,355 to miscellaneous receipts.

Over one hundred persons were poisoned by eating ice cream at the soldiers' reunion at Sulphur Springs.

#### Rains and Washouts.

Topeka, July 27.—The railroads report a heavy fall of rain over all sections of the state and Colorado. A cloud burst near La Junta, Colorado, washed out several hundred feet of track on the Santa Fe, making a few hours' delay in trains. Further than this no washouts of importance occurred. In Northern Kansas, where the rain was most needed, a heavy fall was reported. In other sections it averaged from one to three inches.

#### Drouth Severe in the East.

New York, July 28.—The drouth which has prevailed generally in the New England states and in New York, New Jersey and Delaware since March, has had a serious effect on many of the crops. The recent local showers afforded little relief to the farmers. In New York state the hop crop is seriously affected and the farmers also report a great shortage in the hay crop. In New England the continued lack of rain is threatening the late crops, and in Massachusetts the early corn crop is a failure.

#### More Mountain Guns.

Washington, July 31.—It is the plan of the government to purchase several additional batteries of mountain guns for service in China. The board of ordnance and fortifications some time ago recommended the acquisition of a number of such batteries with a view of their use in the Philippines. The situation in China has since developed, and has increased the necessity for this type of equipment for troops destined for service in the Orient.

## SHOULD IT PROVE A TRICK.

### Consent Given to Send Ministers to Tien Tsin, if Killed,

#### THERE WOULD BE NO REDRESS.

Washington, July 30.—The state department officials do not like European criticisms more or less directly attributing to our government a lack of whole-heartedness in the effort to get to Pekin. They point to what American troops and marines have already done; to the loss of life and limbs suffered by them, and to the repeated urgings of the American officials at every point looking to a forward movement on Pekin. And in answer to the intimation that they are responsive to Chinese efforts to bribe us by the delivery of Mr. Conger at Tien Tsin and thus seduce us to abandon the Pekin campaign, the intimation was given that the purpose was to head off a formal proposition, as the department had been made aware by Mr. Goodnow and Admiral Remy, it is presumed, that suggestions of this sort had been thrown out by the Chinese viceroy or their agents, though these had not been reduced to an official form. The department rather strengthened its position through being enabled in this way to reject the proposition by anticipation.

It is pointed out that even should the powers agree to any such proposition, we would not consider it until Minister Conger's views were known. It is explained that to agree to such a plan might result in sending the ministers forward with an inadequate escort and, if murdered, we would then be stopped from demanding redress.

#### Mr. Wu May Be Sent Home.

Washington, July 31.—Should events disclose that further reliance can not be placed upon assurances of the safety of Minister Conger in Pekin, Minister Wu will be told to leave the United States, and a large exodus of Chinese throughout the country is looked for. The dismissal of the Chinese minister will mean that this government will have no further official dealings with the Chinese government, and this action will practically amount to a declaration that the United States is ready for war. The position of Minister Wu is an unusually trying one, as he will be the first to feel the brunt of the consequences of his government's deceptive policy in dealing with this country and the strain he is undergoing is telling on his health.

#### Shortest Line to San Francisco.

Chicago, July 31.—Plans have been perfected whereby the Rock Island will obtain the shortest route between Chicago and Los Angeles and become a competitor of the Santa Fe. The present terminus of the Rock Island's Kansas lines is at Liberal, Kan. From this point, which is on the Texas state line, the road is to be extended to White Oaks, N. M., where connections will be made with the El Paso and Northwestern railroad to El Paso. This, with the Southern Pacific from El Paso, will constitute the shortest line between Chicago and San Francisco.

#### Russia to Bombard Chinese Cities.

London, July 28.—The Daily Express has the following from St. Petersburg: "Admiral Shredloffel, commanding the Russian squadron in Chinese waters, has received precise instructions to bombard the Chinese towns immediately on receipt of confirmation of the report of the massacre at Pekin."

#### A Runaway in the Park.

Wichita, July 31.—A runaway accident occurred in Riverside park and resulted in serious injury to two persons and possibly three. They are Mrs. Blanche Chandler Miller, Miss Grace Gilbert and Miss Ella Chandler. The doctors say that the injuries of Mrs. Miller and Miss Gilbert may prove fatal. The other lady, Miss Chandler, will recover. Miss Schriver was also in the accident, but was not seriously injured.

#### The Santa Fe Denies It.

Galveston, Tex., July 28.—The Gulf & Interstate railroad, of Texas, which has been the subject of more dickerings and litigation than any line of its size in America, was reported as about to be sold to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad to furnish a gulf outlet for the Santa Fe's recent purchase, the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City road. General Manager Polk, of the Santa Fe, says there is no truth in the report. The Interstate officials say the same thing, and add that their property is not for sale.

#### For Pack Train Service.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 31.—Lieutenant Smithers, commanding the detachment now garrisoning fort Russell, has received an order from the quartermaster at Washington to enlist here as many men as possible for pack train service in China. It is the intention of the government to form 75 pack trains for the Chinese campaign, a number never before called into service by this government. A large number of these men will be enlist at the western forts.

## COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City.				
CATTLE—Heavy	4 25	4 55		
HOGS—Choice to heavy	5 12 1/2	5 30		
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	66 1/2	67		
CORN—No. 3	38	38 1/2		
OATS—No. 3	27			
RYE—No. 2	10 30			
HAY—Choice timothy	8 50			
BUTTER	15	15		
EGGS	9			
Chicago.				
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	71 1/4	72 1/4		
CORN—No. 3	35 1/2	36		
OATS—No. 3	23	24		
St. Louis Live Stock.				
BEEVES	4 10	4 50		
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3 45	4 40		
SOUTHERN STEERS	3 60	4 45		
Cotton.				
Liverpool	5 25-32 1/2			
New York	19 1-16-10 5-16			
Galveston	19 1/2			
Wichita Grain.				
WHEAT—	Open	High	Low	Close
Aug. 1st	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4
Sept. 1st	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4
CORN—				
Aug. 1st	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Sept. 1st	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
OATS—				
Aug. 1st	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4
Sept. 1st	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
Wheat: September			Call	Put
Corn: September			30 1/4	38
Wichita Live Stock.				
HOGS—484 head sold	4 85	5 05		
CATTLE				
Chicago Live Stock.				
BEEVES	4 50	4 55		
HOGS AND PIGS	4 00	4 50		
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3 10	4 10		
KANSAS FEEDERS	4 40	5 15		
HOGS	5 20	5 30		

## THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Augusta, Ga., has separate street cars for negroes.

The Union Pacific has also issued anti-cigarette orders.

Venezuela is at peace and all political prisoners have been set free.

There seems to be an alliance on all lines between the Santa Fe and Rio Grande railroads.

President McKinley has accepted the grand army invitation to attend their annual encampment in Chicago.

Mrs. Gen. Fred Grant was with her daughter, the Princess Cantacuzene, when a son was born to the princess, last week.

A locomotive on the Sandusky and Hocking Valley road jumped a trestle and fell 64 feet. Engineer Rolla Claus was killed.

Mail passes between Paris and Berlin in less than an hour; sometimes within 35 minutes. It goes in pneumatic tubes.

Gen. James H. Wilson has been relieved from duty at Matanzas, Cuba, and ordered to join Gen. Chaffee at Taku, China.

The power house of the electric line from Chattanooga to Chickamauga park is burned. Loss, \$65,000. Insurance covers it.

Clear water in the Chicago river is lessening the city revenue from water, factory owners drawing their supply from the river.

Railroad mail service has been established on a road 73 miles long, connecting Honolulu with other points on the island of Oahu.

Chinamen in Mexico steal across the border into the United States on purpose to be sent home to China free of cost to themselves.

The Missouri Pacific will also run three special excursion trains to Colorado common points August 10 and September 7 and 21.

The sales of postage stamps, envelopes, stamp books, newspaper wrappers and postal cards, in the last fiscal year, amounted to 5,283,687,010 articles, valued at \$97,687,772.

One-sixth of the area of Texas has been granted to the railroads of that state. The grants aggregate as many square miles as there are in Pennsylvania and New Jersey combined.

The Lehigh Valley freight house at Buffalo, N. Y., is burned, with 50 cars loaded with merchandise. Loss \$150,000.

Pocahontas, the only county seat in Iowa without a railroad, is to have a branch of the Rock Island.

Labor Unions in St. Louis are, one by one, calling off the boycott recommended by Mr. Gompers. They will ride on street cars without being fined and will stop paying assessments levied in the interests of the ex